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SUBJECT: CALL BY FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER CALVANI ON
ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN

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1. FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER ARISTIDES CALVANI PAID JULY 2
COURTESY CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN. EXPLAINED
THAT SINCE LEAVING GOV HE HAS INCREASINGLY DEVOTED
HIMSELF TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CONNECTIONS OF
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT.

2. NOTING DISAPPEARANCE OF FORMER POINTS OF CONTACT,
SUCH AS CENTER FOR DEMOCHRISTIAN ACTION IN NYC, CALVANI
EMPHASIZED PRESENT DESIRE TO RENEW RELATIONS WITH US
COUNTERPART GROUPS. WOULD HOPE TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER
WITH THEM NEW STRUCTURES TO FACILITATE POPULAR PARTICIPA-
TION IN GOVERNMENT, ADDITION OF NEW DIMENSIONS TO NATIONAL
ECONOMIC SYSTEMS BETTER TO PROVIDE FOR MARGINAL
MASSES, ETC.

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3. IN RESPONSE TO VISITOR'S QUESTIONS, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY SHLAUDEMANN IDENTIFIED CONGRESSMEN AND THEIR

STAFFS, NEWSMEN IN WASHINGTON, AND THE ACADEMIC WORLD AS
KEY TARGET GROUPS FOR THE TYPE OF CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE
BEING PROPOSED. HE SUGGESTED HUMAN RIGHTS AS ANOTHER
HIGHLY CURRENT TOPIC WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION AND
FAVORED WASHINGTON OVER NEW YORK AS THE SITE FOR ANY
PERMANENTLY REPRESENTATIVE BODY WHICH MIGHT BE
ESTABLISHED HERE TO CONDUCT THE DIALOGUE. ASSISTANT
SECRETARY SHLAUDEMANN EXPLAINED POSSIBILITY AND UTILITY OF
ORGANIZING DISCUSSION SESSIONS HERE AND THROUGH COUNCIL
ON FOREIGN RELATIONS IN NYC. AGREED WITH CALVANI'S
OBSERVATION THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO ATTRACT ATTENTION
OF US NEWS MEDIA TO WORTHWHILE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ASPECTS
OR DEVELOPMENTS OF LATIN AMERICA. KISSINGER

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